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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response in filed in answer to the Patent Office's Restriction Requirement dated June 29, 2006. This response has two parts:

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